

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A forgery-preventive identification medium comprising:

a substrate containing randomly arranged identification elements which are selected from the group consisting of metal fibers, metal-covered synthetic fibers, metal-covered glass fibers, and colored fibers, and

a magnetic layer for magnetic signal recording, formed at the ~~predetermined~~ a first portion of the substrate,

wherein the magnetic layer contains at least a MnBi magnetic powder.

2. (Original) A forgery-preventive identification medium according to claim 1, wherein the substrate is a paper or a plastic.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) A forgery-preventive identification medium according to claim 1, wherein the MnBi powder has particle diameters of 0.1 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ .

5. (Currently Amended) A method for ascertaining the genuineness of a forgery-preventive identification medium of claim 1 which comprises

a substrate containing randomly arranged identification elements, and

a magnetic layer for magnetic signal recording, formed at the predetermined portion

f the substrate.

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wherein the magnetic layer contains at least a MnBi magnetic powder,

the method comprising the steps of:

reading its identification information constituted by the identification elements,

recording the information in the MnBi containing magnetic layer as an inerasable recorded information,

reading the identification information and the inerasable recorded information both of the forgery-preventive identification medium, and

comparing the two informations.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for ascertaining the genuineness of a forgery-preventive identification medium according to claim 5, ~~wherein a demagnetization operation is conducted~~ further comprising the step of conducting a demagnetization operation prior to reading and comparing the two informations.

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